



The UN70 Belarus Express, a train decorated with the 17 Global Goals, sets off in Minsk on 23 October 2015 for a tour around the country to promote the UN and its 2030 Agenda. UN Photo/Belarus

20 September 2016—The SDGs have set a new universal standard for development that will ensure that no one is left behind.

It has been one year since [17 Sustainable Development Goals \(SDGs\)](#) were unanimously adopted by the world leaders at a historic UN Summit in September 2015. By aligning their priorities with the SDGs and working together with the private sector and civil society, governments have started mobilising efforts to end poverty, address inequalities and tackle climate change by 2030, with more than 50 governments making the SDG's a central framework for national planning for development.

To mark the first anniversary of the adoption of the SDGs, there will be a high-level event before the start of the General Debate of the 71st Session of the General Assembly. This event presents the opportunity for all stakeholders to highlight the actions that are being taken to achieve the SDGs and help strengthen the political resolve.

“The true test of our commitment as a global community to the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda will be in its implementation,” said UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon. “We need action from everyone, everywhere. If Governments, businesses and civil society work together, we can build a world of peace, prosperity, dignity and opportunity for all by 2030.”



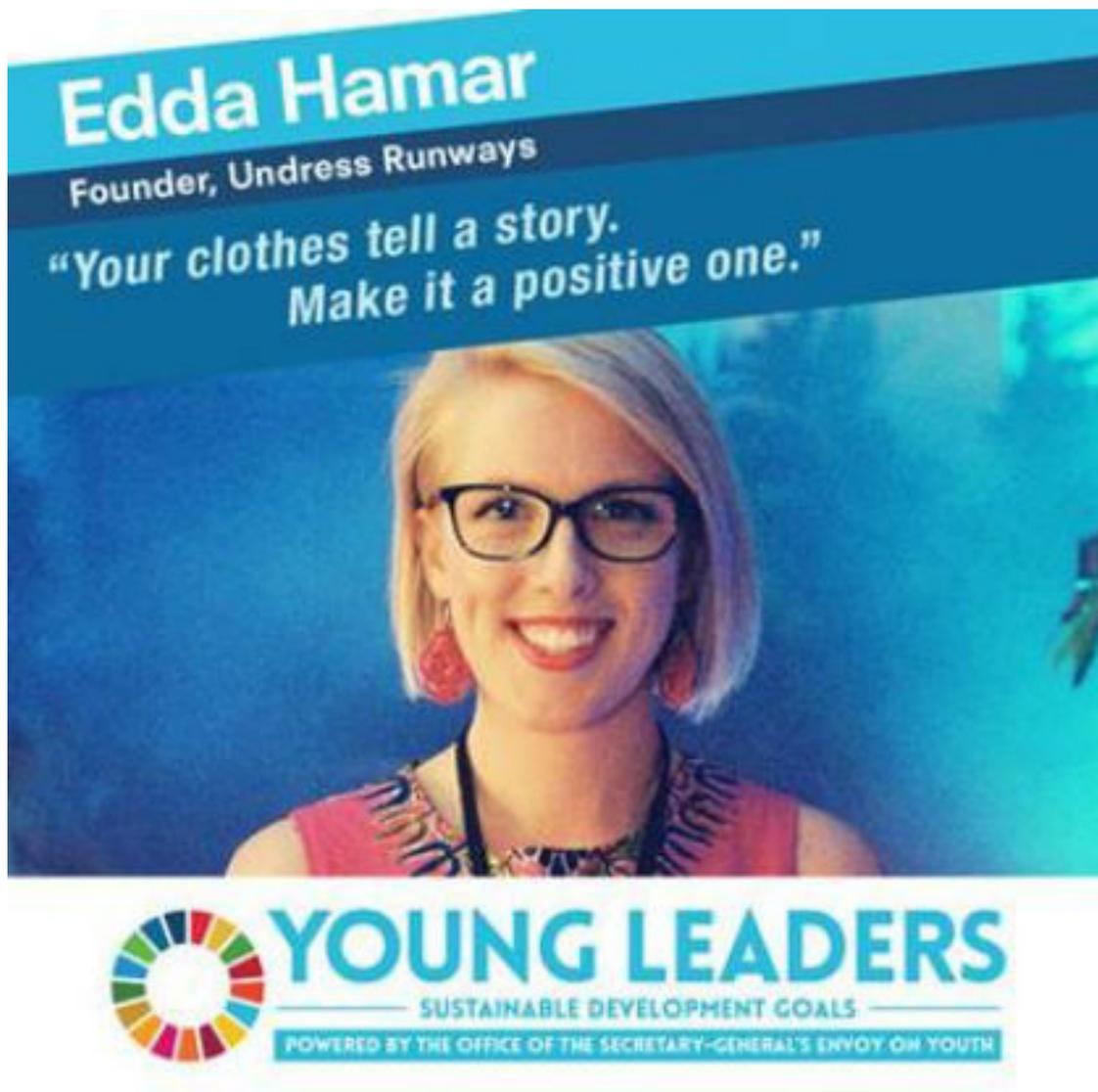
The 17 Sustainable Development Goals are projected onto the UN Secretariat and General Assembly buildings. UN Photo/Cia Pak

In addition to remarks from the Secretary-General and the President of the General Assembly. There will also be videos shown with narration by Forest Whitaker and Alaa Murabit, and Andrea Bocelli will perform a song.

This day will also include the launch of the SDG app, events by the Youth Envoy on Young Leaders goals and the high-level meeting on antimicrobial resistance among others.

Edda Hamar's is one of 17 young change-makers from the class of the Young Leaders for the Sustainable Development Goals.

The 27-year-old from Iceland and Australia, co-founded Undress Runways, building a movement pushing for sustainability and ethics in the fashion industry without compromising style. Edda also launched The Naked Mag in 2014, advocating for diversity, respect, equality, sustainability and smart textiles in the fashion industry. “Our purpose is to educate consumers about sustainable fashion and to change the stigma around it,” says Edda.



As co-founder of Undress Runways, Edda has built a movement to educate and inspire people to choose ethically and sustainably produced clothing and promote sustainable consumerism, decent work and ecologically friendly fashions. “We are showing people that sustainability is the future, and that you don’t have to compromise your style to be ethical,” she said. Through

Undress Runways, Edda leads a multifaceted effort to connect sustainability and fashion.

The UN Young Leaders for the Sustainable Development Goals are 17 global citizens who have been recognised for their outstanding leadership in their efforts to achieve the Goals.

[Meet the other 16 UN Young Leaders for the Sustainable Development Goals here.](#)